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Applicant : Remacle, et al. ) Group Art Unit 1645  
Appl. No. : 09/817,014 )  
Filed : March 23, 2001 )  
For : IDENTIFICATION OF )  
BIOLOGICAL (MICRO )  
ORGANISMS BY DETECTION )  
OF THEIR HOMOLOGOUS )  
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES )  
ON ARRAYS )  
Examiner : Unknown )

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THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING:

Please incorporate the accompanying Sequence Listing into the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, beginning at line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Another aspect of the present invention is related to any part of biochips or microarray comprising said above described sequences (especially the specific capture nucleotide sequence described in the examples) as well as a general screening method for the identification of a target